

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

P.S. I agree with the above statements about Sinclair Broadcasting Company. This is not the kind of activities which protect and promote our democracy. It is what dictatorships do, like the old Soviet Union did. We need to have debate, but honest debate, not mere propaganda.

It is also, using pressure to enforce public TV broadcasting companies to respond to threats and intimidation. It is against the law, and the FCC needs to take action against Sinclair Broadcasting.

Take action at once.

Sincerely,

Richard Peterson